

TIME DOESN'T WAIT, NEITHER DO THE PRETTY GIFTS THAT ARE SELLING SO FAST. DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES, BUT COME EARLY AND OFTEN THIS WEEK TO BARR'S.



JUDGING by the number of **BLANKETS** sold at Barr's, every home, every nursery in St. Louis ought to be supplied from our own stock; still the demand goes on, and this is the way we supply it.

Special Nursery or Crib Blankets, all sizes, California Brands, now \$1.75, were \$2.25, pair, \$3.75. Baby Crib and Robe of Angora Wool, blue and quilted, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00 each. We have a most complete line of White Blankets for full-size beds, ranging in price from \$60 to \$150, pair, every pair warranted.

California White Blankets, made of pure lamb's wool, no better goods made, all sizes, shrunk and washed, \$1.00 each. We offer 10 cases of these goods this week at sacrifice prices:

2 cases, all full size, now \$4.50, were \$4.50 pair.

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2 cases, all full size, now \$5.50, were \$5.50 pair.

2 cases, all full size, now \$7.50, were \$7.50 pair.

2 cases, all full size, now \$8.75, were \$8.75 pair.

Can you give a handsomer present than a genuine Down Quilt, covered in artistic patterns of sateen, down sweet and pure? This week a lot, now \$4.50, were \$6.50.

Our assortment of White Bed Spreads was never as large and the patterns were never as pretty.

White Crib Quilts, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00.

White Marseilles Quilts, \$1.25, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.00 to \$7.50 each.

White Satin Finish Quilts, \$2.25, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$10.00 each.

There's never any mistake in selecting from Barr's **LINEN** Department. Unusual attractions are offered for this week. Another invoice of our large purchase of Linen Goods from McCrum, Watson, Mercer & Co. of Belfast, per steamer *Lucanna*—goods bought at one-third of their regular price. Look at this ad. Come to Barr's Linen Counters and examine goods and look at the prices.

DAMASK CLOTHES—LOT NO. 1.

Size 2x2 yards, \$3.16; regular price, \$4.35.

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DAMASK CLOTHES—LOT NO. 2.

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VICTORIA AS
SANTA CLAUS.

The English Queen Engaged in Selecting Christmas Presents.

SHE IS A MODEL GRANDMA.

Remembers Footmen as Well as Princes and Sends a Gift and Personal Greeting to Each.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Queen has been busy for some time past in personally superintending arrangements for her Christmas presents. This is one of the most arduous tasks that Her Majesty has during the entire year, but she insists on being as much as possible herself, and always writes the names of the persons to whom little messages on the packages are intended for the lucky persons to be honored with gifts.

It is difficult to understand the enormous number of people that Queen Victoria remembers at Christmastime. Through her long life she has made a point of becoming personally acquainted with her numerous servants, and as there must be several hundred at her various palaces, and on the different islands, the task of choosing a present for each is alone an immense amount of labor.

Then the Queen gives presents to her ladies in waiting, to the ladies and maid-servants of her household, to the noblemen and gentlemen of her household, to the Colonels of Regiments, of Guards, of Guards, and to the favored courtiers to the various ladies who were formerly of her household, to several of the bishops and the ladies of their families, to the various counts and baronets, to the granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

There are twenty-four great granddaughters, and the Queen, Queen of the Czars of Russia, only a few weeks old, and a son of the Duke of York, born to-day. They will receive something from their most royal grandmother, you may be sure.

But the list of the Queen's presents does not end with her attendants and relatives. There are scores of other persons entitled to presents at this time of year and not a few of the great nobles of England also claim the privilege of being considered by the sovereign in honor of the great festival of the Christian year.

To the secretaries, maids of honor and other gentry of the household employed in packing and addressing, but two or three of the Queen's daughters, and granddaughters, will receive a token of visiting their illustrious relative to assist, and thousands of suitable gifts from tradesmen, who are engaged in the service of the Queen and arrayed on long tables for the Queen to make her choice.

Her Majesty does not give very expensive gifts, except under exceptional circumstances. Brooches and pins of thin gold and if jeweled, the gems are small and of little value. The Queen's taste in taste, in colors or pearls or in set diamonds are very usual presents to noblemen and upper servants.

The gifts of honor receive something pretty in the way of lace handkerchiefs or collars, and a favored duke or minister of State receives a small box containing a particular brand of Tokay or special brand of whisky. Tea cups, with cards attached to them, are given to the Vicar of Windsor, and common conveniences received in the hands of rank, who, at some time, served in the household.

Cigar cases and boxes of cigars go to the officers. Books and choice engravings and bits of china are sent to Sister Queens and cousin Princesses. The household in the royal palaces receive pocket handkerchiefs and the footmen, socks, neckties or some other useful article.

The Queen's grandchildren and great-grandchildren are sent dolls and toys of a not too expensive description, but all are such as delight the little ones.

In addition, boys and girls over 10 receive a nice little gift of pocket money, also in brocade, gold sovereigns and brand new shillings, freely given for the coming new year.

To all the relations the Queen herself writes, "With love from Grandmother," some equally homely message of that sort. To the persons of inferior rank is invariably inscribed, "Never allow it to the Queen's honor to be said, 'From the Queen's household.'"

To persons of the upper rank, such as nobles, ladies in waiting, etc., is written, "With love from Grandmother."

In return the Queen herself receives innumerable gifts. From Emperor William usually arrive a white bear and a case of expensive Rhine wine, from the King of Spain, it is generally a gift of Jade vases and burners, ham.

The crowned French princes and princesses send many boxes of sweetmeats, from the royal Spaniards come lace and unripe oranges, other special boxes of onion skins on a small scale, which the Queen owns in the vicinity of Madrid.

The Sultan of Turkey may forgive her master this year, but he usually sends a parcel of Turkish rugs, and the Shah of Persia sends a large box of jewels.

The presents, however, which give the Queen real pleasure are the little hand-made trifles from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. These are usually hand-made madam cushions, pen wipers, uncomfortable slippers, irritating pulse warmers and useless watch parts, but she is always delighted to receive more of them.

A DEFiant CAPTIVE.

In Jail and Sixty-Six Indictments Do Not Terrify Him.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Thirty-one more indictments were returned to-day against A. K. Ward by the Grand-Jury, making a total of sixty-six and amounting to \$160,000. In Chancery Court Ward refused to give his testimony in the civil suits now pending against him, and stated that the threat of contempt of court and gaol did not terrify him, for he was already in jail.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR FILES.

A New Preparation, Safe, Painless, Convenient and Lasting Cure for This Troublesome Disease.

We do not intend to endorse any except articles of real merit. We therefore take pleasure in calling attention to a new file cure which has been remarkably successful in curing every form of itching, bleeding or protruding piles. The remedy is known as the Pyramid File Cure and is recommended by the best medical authorities on account of its absolute safety, ease of application and instant relief.

The Pyramid File Cure contains no opium or other poison and does not interfere with diet, occupation while using. People who believed nothing, but a surgical operation would cure them have been astonished at the results from a 50 cent package of the Pyramid.

Mrs. Mary C. Tyler of Heppner, Ore., writes: One package of Pyramid File Cure entirely cured me of piles from which I have suffered for years, and I have never had the slightest return of them since.

Mr. E. O'Brien of St. Louis, Mo., says: The package of Pyramid File Cure entirely removes every trace of itching piles. I can not thank you enough for it all drug-gives at 20 cents and \$1 per package.

The Pyramid File Cure is sold by all drug-gives at 20 cents and \$1 per package.

Treatment on cause and cure of piles mailed free by addressing Pyramid Co., Albion, N.Y.



AT THE ONE AND ONLY



At the Fastest Growing Store in America, the

Child's Short Dresses, is White—1 to 4 Year Sizes.

The Grandest Line of any House anywhere on display. Made by the famous line from a New York Importer. The center one is the most popular. Every dress is the thing of Rare Beauty, and is made to them in the trade. Every dress is divided into 2 parts. A lovely White Dress (worth \$1.00 a dozen) like this for \$1.00. White Dresses, much handsomer than cut (worth \$0.50 a dozen) wholesale, at \$0.50. Two fancy colored Turkish Towel Ties. An all-linen Dresser Sheet, two yards long, \$1.00. A fancy box of child's Initial Handkerchiefs. 2 pair Lamb's Wool Soles, for making Xmas Slippers. A fancy imported Willow Work or Waste Basket. A pretty Basket, containing a dainty bottle of perfume.

A pretty Baby Figure, with a bottle of perfume on back. A lady's hand-made zephyr Fascinator: all colors; worth 50c.

A very nice Photo Frame, in either wood, silver or oxidized.

An infant's silk-stitched zephyr Crocheted Hat in all colors.

A pretty Art Panel (photograph on glass, with hand-painted background) for \$1.00.

An elegant boy's fancy Stationery: 24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes.

An all-linen open worked knot and fringed Towel; size, 36x36 inches.

A beautiful imitation hammered brass, ribbon-effect Whisk Broom Holder.

A seat Photo Frame, complete and ready for use, with mat and back.

Four beautifully stitched cambric Baby Bibs; a very durable quality.

An infant's hand-made crocheted Saucers, in white, with pink and blue borders.

A pair of good Playing Cards in a hand-colored, silvered, white metal case, nicely ribbon tied.

A pair of men's extra quality Fancy web Suspenders, with silk ends and gilt slide buckles.

A pair of ladies' or misses' extra fine blue cambric Mitts, single or double, in plain and fancy backs.

A child's three piece triple plated Silver Set-Knife, Fork and Spoon—in a pretty satin-lined box.

A pair of ladies' full regular made fine lace. Hosiery—Hand Knit, in all the new opera shades.

Choice of a lovely assortment of 15-inch Tuxedo and Melina Veilings, the latest novelties, with lace edges; all colors.

A man's fine silk Tuck Scarf or Four-in-Hand Tie, in all the newest styles and shapes; equal to any \$30 quality elsewhere.

Choice of all our 50c and 75c qualities silk-brocaded Revers, which are changeable, including a lovely line of extra large plaid bows.

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Business Manager of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch,
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October 27.....	85,599
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November 10.....	85,258
November 17.....	85,441
November 24.....	87,725
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December 8.....	85,671
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G. W. JONES, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9th day of
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HARRY M. DUHRING,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires Oct. 17, 1896.

“Circulation Books Always open to
Advertisers and an examination
easily invited.

TO OUR READERS—The Sunday Post-
Dispatch to-day consists of FORTY
PAGES in four sections. Our readers
should see that they get the entire paper.

NOW FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The interviews with the members of the Citizens' Committee who secured the National Republican Convention form a substantial foundation for a movement to secure the Democratic National Convention. The campaign has practically been started.

All of the members of the delegation express the strongest confidence in the ability of the city to get the Democratic convention, and are eager to begin vigorous work. There are overwhelming considerations in favor of making the attempt. The securing of the Republican convention affords strong leverage in securing the Democratic convention. All the political reasons which urged the Republicans to come to St. Louis are good in the case of the Democrats and have been strengthened by the decision of the Republicans.

The advantages which St. Louis offered the Republicans have been greatly improved by the capture of the Republican convention. Much of the preparation for one convention will serve for the other. The hall and the telegraph facilities and all the arrangements necessary to entertain the Republicans will be ready for the entertainment of the Democrats. The additional expense of entertaining the second convention, will be slight, as compared with the total expense of entertaining one.

The Democratic Committee are reported to be favorable to St. Louis and the favor in which St. Louis was held before the decision of the Republican committee will be increased by the general commendation of the wisdom of its selection and the publication of the advantages St. Louis enjoys.

The only cloud in the bright outlook for the second convention is the report that the Administration faction of Democrats in St. Louis will secretly oppose bringing the Democratic convention here. The Post-Dispatch is loath to believe that the leaders of this faction entertain such selfish, narrow and unpatriotic intentions as those imputed to them. We induce the people that if they have such intentions they will throw them aside as unworthy and join heartily in the work of making St. Louis the Convention City of the Union.

ARMENIAN RELIEF WORK.

The wisdom of assigning the task of conveying relief to the Armenians to the American Red Cross Society as a society is questionable.

It is true that no other organization would command more confidence and, therefore, more ready support than this organization. It is probably true that no other organization could as safely and satisfactorily distribute relief as the Red Cross, in any part of Christendom. The organization is thoroughly equipped for relief work; its officers and members have experience and training in their duties. In every part of Christendom the sign of the red cross would command not only protection, but aid, under all circumstances.

But the Armenian relief work is not to be done in Christendom. It is to be done among fierce tribes and lawless troops of fanatical Mussulmans. The sign of the red cross, instead of arousing a sentiment of friendly protection and aid, will arouse the bitterest animosity and fanatical opposition. If having command

of unspeakable cruelties upon the Armenians and having murdered thousands of them for being Christians, the savage Kurds and scarcely less savage Turkish soldiers spare Christian interlopers flaunting red crosses in their faces, it will be a miracle.

Miss Barton may, therefore, well hesitate to undertake the work. It will probably be worse than useless if the distributors go to Armenia without military protection, because it will involve the further sacrifice of life.

The condition of the Armenians is most pitiful, but pity should not mislead judgment into a useless sacrifice of innocent persons. There is no charity in that.

DR. HEARNE'S "FIXED STATE."

The fact that Dr. Hearne, the defendant in the Stillwell murder case, sits as the prosecuting witness as possible and regards them with a "fixed state" strongly indicates that he is a student of a and a believer in hypnotism.

The fixed state is one of the most common methods of producing hypnosis, and it is beyond the realm of possibility that a person of strong will and magnetic power could by this means influence, if not control, a hysterical or hypnotic subject. Even if he did not succeed in producing a distinct hypnotic condition, he might produce an appreciable effect which would result in confusing the mind of the witness.

Scientific investigation has clearly demonstrated this possibility—so clearly that no one who has followed the history of the development of the science of hypnotism doubts it. An accused person who attempted to use his eyes or any other available means to influence opposing witnesses would have a strong scientific foundation for a hope of benefiting his case. The chance of one important witness for the prosecution being a favorable subject and falling under his influence would well be worth the trial.

In view of the facts scientifically proved, the "fixed state" which Dr. Hearne is reported to attempt to keep the eyes of witness is an interesting, and may be an important factor in his trial. They raise the question of the propriety of a judge's permitting a prisoner free opportunity to try his hypnotic power and devices on witnesses at a range close enough to make them effective. They at least suggest to the prosecuting attorneys the advisability of guarding against chances.

TAXATION BY MONOPOLIES.

In a recent speech at Ypsilanti, Mich., Mayor Pingree of Detroit made some telling remarks on the subject of taxation. In criticizing Gov. Rich's taxation policy he pointed out that it was not to be condemned because taxation for public necessities had increased under it. As long as public taxation was for public needs and was not beyond the capacity of the people to meet, there was no ground for condemnation.

"But," he observed, "at the very time that Gov. Rich and his aids in the Legislature were resisting every appropriation for certain public needs of the State of Michigan, they were also assisting the transportation companies to maintain rates of fare and freight, by repressing every effort to lower them and by making no effort to repress trusts and combines."

The result of this policy, Mayor Pingree pointed out, is that the taxes paid as freight and passenger rates on the iron roads and waterways are too excessive to think of making any adequate appropriation of State funds for the company dirt roads of the State.

This condition of things is common to all the States and is a chronic disgrace. As business interests become centralized they are able more and more, under State and Federal laws, to tax the people "all the traffic will bear." The consequence of this is that our taxes for strictly public purposes take on an alarming look and are eagerly evaded by all but persons of true patriotism or those who are too poor to escape.

Unless the monopolies are curbed, the revenues of the States and general government will be steadily encroached upon through this sort of taxation. Even patriotic people cannot endure double taxation indefinitely. Monopoly taxation is sure to result in evasion of legitimate taxation for public necessities.

AN ENDOWED THEATER.

Before approving the suggestion of Sir Henry Irving to establish an endowed or subsidized theater it would be well to inquire into the source of the endowment or subsidy.

The object of an endowed theater is to stand up a standard of dramatic production regardless of the demand of the public, or the conditions of speculation. In short, to educate the public to the standards of those who control it, the cost of which education the public invariably declines to defray.

But the object of the standard depends upon the source of the support. If the theater is to be supported by the general government or the municipality in which it is located, the scheme cannot be approved, for it would then reflect the taste and would have to be managed in reference to the wishes of the men who control the appropriations.

One can imagine the standard of the dramas produced and the acting in theater controlled by Congress or a municipal assembly. The conglomeration of dramatic authors with "stump-speakers" in the orchestra and ward workers on the stage, which such an endowed theater would gather in would fix a standard of dramatic production for the education of the civilized world.

But if the theater is to be endowed by men of wealth who are willing to devote their surplus to elevating the drama and giving genius an opportunity it may do good. We say, may, because it's doing good will depend a great deal on the judgment of its management and its freedom from the interference of its backers. For, after all, there is a mutually beneficial influence between the people and the theater. The theater with the highest ideal must be in touch with the people to some extent in order to influence and educate them and in order to

profit by their judgment, which is often better than that of the art elevators.

The great point to be kept in view is to have the theater so endowed and managed that it will be free not alone from the degrading effect of speculation, but from the deadening influence of subsidy.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

All fair-minded people will admit that a school teacher should be protected with duty from attacks of outsiders, whether vituperative or in the nature of bodily assault. The vocation of a public school teacher is of such importance to the community that its proper exercise should be surrounded with all the safeguards that law and public opinion can devise.

It is hardly possible to send relief to the Armenians now except with a military force capable of dealing with their persecutors. When the powers conclude to take this step the problem of Armenian relief will be solved.

The condition of the Armenians is most pitiful, but pity should not mislead judgment into a useless sacrifice of innocent persons. There is no charity in that.

THE PASSING SHOW.

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Death does not end all. The Topeka medical student makes the finish.

Paying Wait claims would soon lay the city in the financial morgue.

Nothing tires a wheelman so much as a proposition to tax him.

MEN OF MARK.

Sherman's book has already reached a sale of 127,000 copies. The Senator gets \$1 a copy for book sold.

William F. Poole, the noted maker of women's gloves, died in New York Tuesday.

He lived in Chicago at the time of the great fire. He invented a fastening for gloves that made him worth a million.

The Emperor of Austria makes so-called

"Virginia cigars," which, being manufactured of the rankest tobacco at Trieste, have straws running through them to make them draw, and are so tight that they have to be held in a flame for several minutes to light.

Samuel Davis, the richest Hebrew in Canada, who died in Montreal recently, was an extensive wholesale cigar and tobacco dealer, and was interested in many of the most profitable projects connected with Canada and the Northwest. His wealth is computed at \$5,000,000.

Henry E. Cooper, who has been recently qualified as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Honolulu, although a native of Indiana, was reared and educated in Boston. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1878, and soon afterward removed to San Diego. In 1890 he settled in Honolulu.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Six of the South African millionaires are believed to be worth \$100,000,000 among them. Mrs. Richard Bell is the richest, with \$30,000,000.

The ex-Empress Frederick of Germany, in her early married life, embroidered a piece of tapestry, on which all her children knelt when confirmed; the late Emperor's coffin rested upon it; the present German Emperor, and the Princess Charlotte, Sophie and Victoria were married standing on it.

Princess Waldemar, wife of the youngest brother of the Princess of Wales, is a courageous woman. At Copenhagen recently, when a fire started in a building adjoining her residence, she borrowed a fireman's helmet, mounted a wall, and assisted in extinguishing the flames.

Mrs. Babbie Custer, widow of Gen. Custer, has just learned that she is the owner of a piece of Toledo property. It was formerly owned by her aunt, Mrs. Williams. When the latter died she willed the property to Mrs. Custer, but the latter never learned of the fact and it was sold for taxes. She has now begun to recover the title.

SMILES BETWEEN SERMONS.

Wives, be good to your husbands. There is an epidemic of missing men.—Atchison Globe.

Do you believe there are microbes in a kiss? She: "I really don't know. I always close my eyes."—Yonkers Statesman.

Wife—The paper says elephants were never so cheap as now." Husband—"Well, don't you go and buy me one for Christmas."

It may seem rather stormy for its contemporaries when the Post-Dispatch snow-flakes are falling, but at this time of year such weather may be looked for. In fact, evidences of the Post-Dispatch will be seen at all seasons in St. Louis.

It is sad to have to quote a lady who says "such little matters as divorces and church rows are only every-day occurrences." We may well ask ourselves what progress morally we are making when every-day occurrences have come to this!

It is to be hoped that the time of the new bicycle—fifty miles an hour—will not be attempted in town. The sprightliest citizen would be rubbed out before he could get out of the way, not to mention what might happen to the rider.

There is no doubt about the aristocratic tendencies of women, but it is not clear that in a larger field their minds would not expand and take them beyond some absurdities. Aristocracy is essentially narrow and unrefined.

Statistics say there is one drinking place for every fifty-three men in the United States. When the new women get fairly into politics, what will be the effect on these figures?

The number 13 is no omen of ill when it is brought into play by a really solid community. The delegation of thirteen that captured the convention could not have accomplished more had it been larger or smaller.

"Move up, there move up, there!" cries the car conductor to the packed passengers. But it is the car company that should move up—the demands of the public.

The captured Alabama moonshiner who has killed eleven deputy marshals will now have no opportunity to put the finishing touches to his cemetery.

The Columbia students who want Bob Ingersoll are young. Twenty years from now they will have as little love for Col. Bob as the faculty has shown.

All the Conveniences.

From the Washington Post.

There is, forsooth, an argument to get out a Bible as King James had, but King James did not call him a man's Bible.

The mission of the pessimist is to show that every blessing has a sting to it and

that the string never keeps the blessing from flying away.

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COST OF A REAL SWELL WEDDING.

Mr. Adolphus Busch Will Spend at Least \$81,000.

THE GROOM-ELECT TALKS.

He Disclaims All Pretensions to Patriotic Rank, but is a Fine Fellow Anyhow.

Yesterday was rather a quiet twenty-four hours in the story of the Busch-Von Gontard marriage. Some eighty guests were in special train from Europe and the East during the previous evening and in the morning, and their disposal and entertainment was the principal question to be solved in the Busch household.

The Busch household at No. 1 Busch place, just behind the brewery, is and has been no busier a place than that of the Busch's. The wedding have been here for the last three days been living down town and each family, ten in the matter of numbers, and numerous others, have been making the rounds of mirth and merriment to make the whole cost of the wedding \$81,000.

"Fortunately," said a wedding guest who knows all about it, "Mr. Busch is one of the most generous spenders that I ever knew among wealthy men. He is not ostentatious, but is a fine fellow." The "poor" was thrown out by a clerk in the cashier's absence, and as a result Mr. Busch's wife had to be uncovered.

The day's story of the wedding guests is still being told in the Chicago papers got in on Friday morning, and the list is now on board all of whom are staying at the Southern. Most of the Eastern friends of the bridegroom are there. Mr. Louis F. Planter, and there are also a dozen or so at the St. Nicholas. The various members of the family, those in the South, are doing everything in their power to make the time pass pleasantly. Carriages are being taken in the evening—every livery firm alone has contracted to supply a dozen carriages continuously until Tuesday noon. The theater, and every other sort of public entertainment has been suspended in a quiet undemonstrative way by the Busch guests own city, with male headquarters at the Faust's and female at the Southern.

To-day will be spent very quietly. There is a family gathering at the Busch mansion, one more rehearsal for the marriage ceremony, a dinner by Mr. Von Gontard, and another for the ladies at the Southern, and then the serious work of Monday will begin.

SYMPATHETIC CONSTABLE.

Bought Feed and Fuel for a Family He Was Sent to Evict.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Armed with a warrant to dispossess, Constable Joseph Locke of 390 Ludlow Avenue, Jersey City, evicted yesterday. "My family made their start in life by great-grandfather building the palace of Potsdam for King Frederick the Great, who has never distinguished for anything else that I could find out, and the only thing that I have in his favor is that he is a German. Americans insist upon all kinds of things for me, and in looking back through the papers, and the year—make me first a Count, then you put me down as a Baron, then a rank, until you finally set me where I belong, for I am simply a German gentleman who has had a hard life, and am now betrothed to a lovely girl whom you St. Louis people seem to like very much, and of whom I myself highly approve. You must understand that the good deal more than yours, I admit."

Mr. Von Gontard is a fine, manly young gentleman who is very nearly the typical German of his breed. He is frank and modest, and yet quite able to assert himself, as he has done several times when he has been called upon to speak. The old gentleman of whom she approves so highly, and the reason was that the good doctor was one with whom it was his desire to be, and not alone told him so, but told everybody else so that he met during the rest of the day, "I am a German," he said. "Miss Busch and Mr. Von Gontard did me the honor to call here to-day, and I am glad they did. He is a fine fellow, just the kind of man that would pick out for her, and she is one of the best girls I know."

It is Sweeping Swiftly Over Hannibal and Vicinity.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 14.—For the past two months revival meetings have been in progress in the various Protestant churches in this city and great tidal waves of converts are to be sweeping over this part of the State. There have been about 200 additions to the churches already and great interest is being manifested. Dr. Coburn, a noted evangelist of Michigan, is now conducting a revival meeting in the First Methodist Church, which is crowded every night. Meetings are being made for Mrs. Maria H. Woodworth, the noted tramp medium, to hold a tent meeting here at the Indian Mound Park.

A RELIGIOUS TIDAL WAVE

One in the Mississippi Valley, the Other in the Northwest.

The following is the synopsis of the weather conditions at observation last night:

The barometer is lowest in the Northwest and highest in the South. The temperatures have fallen decidedly in the Northwest and in the Dakotas.

It is slightly warmer in the Lower Mississippi Valley, especially in the Central Mississippi and in the Ohio Valley. Generally fair and clear weather prevails over the entire country.

The maximum temperature in St. Louis yesterday was 53 deg.; minimum, 39 deg.

AFTER A MADSTONE.

The Mother of a Sodalis Child Who Was Bitten Six Times.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

SEIDLALIA, Mo., Dec. 14.—A mad dog was killed on the principal business street this afternoon after it had bitten the child of Mrs. O'Daniel six times, three times on the head and three times on the body. Mrs. Brown and C. W. Clinton were also bitten. Mrs. O'Daniel took her son to Clinton to-night to apply a madstone.

RENT AND DEATH.

A Texas Merchant and Farmer Killed by His Tenant.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

PARIS, Tex., Dec. 14.—W. A. Arnett, a prominent merchant and farmer of Paris, Red River County, was killed last night by E. B. Kline, a tenant on Arnett's place. The difference grew out of a rent settlement.

HELD UP AND ROBBED.

Three Men Take Henry Gurke's Watch and Money.

About 8:30 last night Henry Gurke, who lives at 230 South Eighteenth street, was held up and robbed by three masked men, held over, and robbed by three masked men, three of whom were dark, and one was light-skinned, dressed in a dark suit, a broad gauntlet white and black, and a wide-brimmed hat.

Two of them held him while the other took his watch and money. The man who held Gurke's mouth closed, and the injury kept Gurke's mouth closed.

The robbers secured a gold, hunting case worth \$40, and \$20 in money.

After the hold-up the men released Gurke and ran. No trace of them has yet been found. All three were dark men, about 5 feet 7 inches, and were from 20 to 25 years old.

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ARTIST—Wanted, by a crayon and pastel artist, position in or out of city. Add. E. Greenbaum, 1125 Locust st.

ACCOUNTANT—Wanted, situation by accountant; thoroughly experienced; references. Address F 885, this office.

ACCOUNTANT—Set of books to keep by expert; accountants evenings or during day; refs. No. 1; salary moderate. Address W 848, this office.

BOY—A colored boy, wash of work of any kind to do. Add. D 850, this office.

BAKER—Situation wanted by No. 1 baker. Address John Kosche, 3217 St. Louis, Broadway.

BOY—Situation by a boy to learn the bakery and confectionery business. Add. G 858, this office.

BOY—Wanted situation by a large boy of 17; will work for \$2 a week and board. Add. L 862, this office.

BOY—Wanted, sit. by a boy of 17 to drive a delivery wagon; well acquainted in city; refs. Add. D 850, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Experienced bookkeeper and accountant; salary \$10 per week. Address M 848, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, situation by an experienced bookkeeper; salary nominal; references. Address S 861, this office.

BAKER—No. 1 cake and bread baker; single wishes to work; good wages. Add. C 850, this office.

PRESS FEEDER—Wanted, job press feeder; state of ref. Add. D 850, this office.

BOY—Colored dining-room boy wants a situation with some private family; willing to do work of any kind; ref. Add. D 850, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, position as bookkeeper and accountant; salary \$10 per week for moderate salary. Address W 854, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—With three years' experience, desires to charge; good penman; accurate, and best of city references. Add. L 862, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—\$100—Expert bookkeeper will work for \$12 a week; good wages. Add. D 850, this office.

CLERKS—Wanted—Clerk, try patent leather shop. Rent, cut to \$50. Harris, 820 Pine st.

COACHMAN—Sit. wanted as coachman by middle-aged man; his business; first-class reference. Add. H 862, 322 Clark av.

COACHMAN—Situation as coachman; understands business; try reference. Add. H 862, this office.

COLLECTOR—Wanted, situation by a collector, a 20, 3 years' experience; 1st-class reference. Add. G 862, this office.

CLERK—A young man wants a position as shipping or advertising shipping clerk; experience; good penman; good writing; will work for \$12 a week. Add. D 850, this office.

COACHMAN—Young white man, thoroughly competent, wants sit. as coachman; best city ref. Add. H 862, this office.

CARPENTER—A good carpenter; wishes work by the day or contract; will work cheap; a good store fitter. J. Tissauer, 1728 Blisdele st.

CARPENTER—Wanted, by a carpenter or joiner; good work; good references; any other kind of work. Davis, 1802 Hogan st.

CLERK—Drug clerk wants permanent position or relief work; can work best of refs.; registered in Missouri. Add. W 847, this office.

COACHMAN—Wanted, situation by a coachman; his business; first-class reference. Add. H 862, this office.

CLERK—Wanted, situation by a clerk; will work for the next month or longer. Add. H 862, this office.

COACHMAN—Wanted, situation by experienced coachman; good city refs.; moderate wages; will drive for business house. Add. H 862, this office.

CLERK—Wanted, by a clerk with good recommendations; will pay any clerk \$50 per week leading to employment. Add. D 850, this office.

DRIVER—Wanted, situation in city or country; by small colored water delivery miller; help with tools; references. Address L 862, this office.

ENGINEER—Wanted, as engineer or foreman by ref. Add. G 862, this office.

ENGINEER—Situation by an engineer; small plants or factories. Address G 862, Broadway.

ENGINEER—Sit. wanted by licensed engineer and architect; good references; and 5 yrs. old office.

FURNITURE—Work wanted by furniture, stove and lamp repairer; will work reasonable. Address 1802 Hogan st.

LABORERS—Wanted—Teamsters, set up the cork sole shoes cut from \$3.00 to \$2.00. 820 Pine st.

MAN—Young man, 20 years, work of any kind; wages no object. Add. F 857, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a steady young man; wages no object. Add. F 857, this office.

MEAT CUTTER—Wanted, position as meat cutter; good German. Address P 852, this office.

MAN—Sit. wanted by young man, 18, to attend to horses; have had experience. Add. H 862, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by man with light delivery wagon at \$2.50 per day. Address O 853, this office.

MAN—An intelligent and industrious man wishes work at \$1 per day. Add. O 853, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a man 27, capable and experienced; good references. Add. H 862, this office.

MAN—Young married man with large family desires employment; honest, sober, willing to work. Add. H 862, this office.

MAN—Young man with some experience and ref. to work in small grocery for nominal salary. Add. B 857, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a steady young man; wages no object. Add. N 858, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a man 27, capable and experienced; good references. Thomas, 707 N. 9th st.

MAN—Bed and washing wanted for service boy in a house; can attend to house during day; good wages. Add. 1802 Hogan st.

DRIVER—Wanted, first-class driver; good references. Add. D 857, this office.

ENGINEER—Wanted, a licensed engineer, 20 years experience; good references. Add. D 857, this office.

HOSTLER—Wanted, a good hostler. J. C. Faris, Kirkwood, Mo.

HELPERS—Wanted on a morning route; 250 do. per week required; must collect. Add. E 864, this office.

LABORERS—Wanted—Teamsters, drivers, porters, etc. to work in small grocery for nominal salary. Add. B 857, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a young Englishman; good references; good pay; good character; will take an interest if position is old resident of good standing. Add. D 857, this office.

MAN—Wanted, a rare chance, for man and wife, with some money, to buy a small grocery store; good references. Add. 1802 Hogan st.

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None Compared With Wonderful Frederica at London's Show.

LORD DUNRAVEN'S VISIT.

Yachting, Theatricals, Club and Personal Gossip of the Week in the World's Metropolis.

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LONDON, Dec. 14.—The great annual equestrian show in Agricultural Hall attracted to London the usual crowds of country gentlemen and other crowds besides, for the show was by far the largest ever held at Finsbury, which is the largest hall in the city. The play was remarkable, if only from the fact of the great success of the royal and noble exhibitors. Queen Victoria's wonderful heifer, Frederica, reared at Windsor, which swept all before it at the other shows, won the gold medal and cup. The Agricultural Hall this year included the celebrated Queen's challenge cup, valued at \$100 (Lord Salisbury's black heifer was a good second). The other cups and medals won prizes in other classes. The Prince of Wales triumphed with Scotchdown and the Duke of York with the Royal. The two polled cattle and Berkshire pigs. The Prince and his son won four cups. The Prince of Wales died on the 10th, an exhibition he only recently started breeding at his Sandringham cottage.

The Queen, Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family were present to-day at the memorial service of Frederick, Prince of Wales, at the cathedral, in memory of the death of her husband. All the arrangements are carried out with melancholy dignity, especially during the usual wail on the organ, and anthems and hymns were sung by the boys of St. George's choir.

The incident to the Prince of Wales on Tuesday last, when some grains of powder from his gun were blown into his right eye, rendered him temporarily blind. He is to taste at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, was of a trifling nature.

The Queen's good authority that the Prince of Wales made an enormous lot of money when the South African mining market was at its height has a few months ago.

In connection with Lord Dunraven's recent visit to the United States, it was discovered that he was the original syndicate which was formed to build Valkyrie III did not remain intact. The syndicate originally consisted of Lord Dunraven, Mr. Wolverton, Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Henry McCalmon. There can be no question as to the accuracy of this, as the members of the syndicate have given a confirmation in the interviews which a reporter of the Associated Press had with them last January. In July, however, the syndicate came to America, it was found that Lord Wolverton and Lord Lansdowne had retired from the syndicate, and that it is probable that the two noblemen who retired, and who are both good yachtsmen themselves and members of the Royal Yacht Squadron, were not content to sit at Dunraven's feet and let him have everything to say about the new boat. Of course, this is mere conjecture, but it is the most probable version of the affair.

To celebrate the trecentenary of the visit of Sir Walter Raleigh to British Guiana, Sir Maunde Thompson and Dr. Garnett are to give a grand exhibition of British automata which shall consist of relics, pictures, documents, etc., bearing upon Sir Walter's expedition.

On the 17th of January the famous Droverville Marine Hotel, Cowes, will be sold at auction. The hotel, which is a favorite of men, and has during the past twenty-five years entertained most of the Royal family and many of the notabilities of Europe.

Since his elevation to the post of Commander-in-Chief, Lord Wolseley has been in great demand to assist at public functions.

The old, popular Hengler's circus in Argyle street is now a thing of the past. The old building has been taken down and re-formation will open next Monday at the National Skating Palace. There is to be a 100 ft. rink covering a space of 11,200 ft. The place has been fitted up with great care.

The exact date has now been announced for the opening of the open houses for the Haymarket. It will occur on the night of May 30, the Queen's birthday. The Duke of Wellington, the Imperial Opera-house, and Col. Mawson, the manager, have already made contracts with leading continental artists, who will appear at the first performances.

The new club in St. James' street, Piccadilly, will open some time in January. It will be known as the Royal Societies Club and will be a sort of junior extension of the Royal Society of Arts, and will consist of literary and scientific men who find little time to go to the older institution, which occupies a portion of the site of Carlton House.

Nothing obtains such instant success in London as a popular topical song. Among the new songs to come into the market recently is "The Middlesex Ranger." It is a song and dance, entitled, "Oh, the Three of Us," which tells of three young ladies who are to be married to three young men, and to their horror that they have all married the same man.

With the new boom in theatrical mystery and the great demand for new plays, and clever artists, American actresses have become more popular than ever with the British public. The most popular of these is Fannie Ward, who has undertaken the leading roles in "Boys Boys Boys" during the absence of Mrs. John B. Murray, and Mrs. Davis, who has made quite a hit in "Wyndham's" new play, "The Squire of Dames," and is now rumoured that Katharine Cornell will be the next to follow, leading part upon the boards of a prominent theater.

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On the 17th of January it was announced that L. Z. Leffler of Washington, before her marriage, had presented her daughter, Mrs. Curzon, with a diamond ring.

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The Stage

People who recall the charms of Frank Mayo's "Davy Crockett" will be pleased to see that actor in another typical American part the coming week at the Grand Opera House, commencing Monday night. He has himself dramatized Mark Twain's story of life in a Missouri village before the war. "Pudd'nhead Wilson" ran six weeks at the Herald Square Theater in New York. "Pudd'nhead Wilson" is said to be quite as humorous and pathetically sweet as the author's original. The play culminates in a whirlwind of action, lines, situations and climaxes in the closing scenes. The author is not likely to suffer an attack of that "diseased imagination" which plagued him with "Sheriff Blake, Judge York, Dr. Mudd, Rowena, Roxey, Aunt Patsey and the like" or the like of old-fashioned Missouri folks that Mark Twain introduces from Dawson's Landing.

The most careless thinker cannot fail to be impressed with the logical and interesting development of the theory of "thumbr-mark" identification, the personal identification as depicted in the last two acts of Mark Twain's "Pudd'nhead Wilson." It is not a purely scientific subject has been so ingeniously and coherently treated.

When Dave Wilson begins to pick out and examine the bits of hair, the thumb marks of a quarter of a century of his study and research and which, with his other queer methods and marks, have gained him the name of "Pudd'nhead" Wilson, the thinking neighbor as he holds the bits of hair to the light and looks at the loops, lines, whorls, cuttings, etc., which are to him the physical signatures of his village, the audience must wonder if they are really Wilson. But, believe me, they are, infallible signatures, no two of which all alike or he only a "Pudd'nhead."

Probably the most extensive study of the theory of thumb marks was made by Francis Galton, F. R. S., the English statistician, on the basis of the testimony of his investigation on the thumb mark theory has been adopted as a means of criminal identification in England. Among the questions asked of Francis Galton by the committee who had under consideration its adoption was the following:

"Question: The net results of your experiments went to show that the chance of two thumb prints being the same was one in six thousand. Is that not that true?" To which he answered: "That was the result of the calculation that I made upon a trustworthy basis."

"Hansel and Gretel," a fairy music drama by Adelheid Witte, the music by her brother, Engelbert, was given at the St. Louis Opera House during the first production here at the Olympic Theater, beginning to-night. The operetta is founded on the fable of "The Boy in the Wood." There are three episodes in the dramatic action. The first act is in the cottage where Hansel and Gretel are driven into the woods by their cruel stepmother to pick berries.

The second scene shows the babies sleeping in the woods. The St. Louis audience shakes sleep into their eyes. They dream and in a magnificent spectacle, accompanied by a ravishingly beautiful music, the ascent and descent of the angels in golden stairway is portrayed as the embodiment of the children's sleeping vision.

The third scene shows the babies still sleeping, but now the Dewman comes and with the sweet sounds and scents of morning wakes them. They see the gingerbread house, the witch, the break of a piece of the cottage and eat it. Out rushes the old witch, prepared to eat the little ones into her oven. They show her in instead.

The witch spell is broken and a troop of children who had been entombed by the curse and the curtain falls on the children's revel.

The music is modelled on the Wagnerian methods, but in the mode of a fairy-tale. The Meistersingers, the tragic effort of "Die Meistersingers," is said to be replete with masterly contrapuntal effects, yet never for an instant does it lose its sensuous beauty.

In the thematic arrangement the German music is well represented, but especially. The production is said to be under the direction of Mr. Augustin Daly. The Chorus Symphony Orchestra has been drawn upon for the music to accompany the musical portion of the work adequately interpreted.

The attraction for this week at Havlin's, beginning with a matinee to-day, is Hopkins' Trans-Oceanic Star Specialty Company and the "Adolfs" of the Adelheid and Fulgers. Four of the greatest novelties from Europe have been secured, and that, added to the very best of native specialties, make the company in every way a personnel that is conceded to be the most high-priced vaudeville organization in America. The stars are the phenominal "Adolfs," now Brothers, "The Sander of Lilliput," "Apolo" the Adolfs of all wire-walkers, come direct from the lavish Cirque, Paris; "Lester" the famous violinist, and the copy of the famous walking figures, come direct from Dan Lowry's Star Varieties, Dublin. The "Adolfs" and Fulgers will be followed by the Sisters Gehrie, who are termed the "Terpsichorean Tribes" and come direct from the Lambeth, London. Our attractions are Robert and Davis, acrobats in a Chinese carnival; Ryan and Richfield, the Irish comedy artists; Ford and Francis, operatic vocalists; and Mrs. May, the famous monologuist, and Fulgora, the great "transfigurator." Sunday matinee, Dec. 22, "The Coming Circus."

Harry Morris, "Twentieth Century Maid," comes to the Standard Theater for one week, commencing this afternoon. "The Girl Bachelor's Stag," a burlesque on the life of a woman, is to be given at the St. Louis Opera House, and come direct from the stage of the Royal Opera House. The girls follow, including John T. Hanson, Harry Emerson and Annie Carter, Lelia Trimble and Clara, Coursey, Coakley and Gause, and others. The Opera House concludes with "Too Much Trifly," in which Harry Morris will appear as Slang Valley, the German hypnotist.

A citizen of Portokopolis had a theatrical nightmare not long since, and this is the way it went: "I went to the Cincinnati in 'Theatricals' last night by 'One of the Finest' on the charge of deranged conduct. It seems the Garrick" a resident of "Coon Hollow," a semi-fantastic place, had come to him, and he offed him. John T. Hanson, and he stopped in the "Corner Grocery" and began to abuse Mr. McCarthy, the proprietor. He called in a policeman, and had the ticket to his station house. The captain in charge listened patiently to "McCarthy's Mishaps," and then Garrick told him he came here from the West with the hope of securing employment, and although my father is a good man, he is not a good man. I had started "Down the Slope" through the "Danger Signal" out, and our train was sidetracked. 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THE STRANGLER "SERPENT TREE."

A Madagascar Vegetable Monster
Worshipped by Natives.

Far in the interior of Madagascar dwells the remnant of the tribe of Mokes, a diminutive race of pygmies who are never more than a few inches in height, always so perfectly naked and have no other religion than the worship of the serpent-tree. Near where the Mokes live in caverns the serpent-tree, hidden in rocks, is said to be impervious to fire and awaits its victims. With their supple, sinuous little forms they assemble here, dancing and singing around their verdant object of worship.

The trunk of the tree resembles a pine-apple, and is about eight feet tall, black and as hard as iron. From the crown of the come eight leaves hanging to the ground. These are about twelve feet long, three feet wide, very thick, and deep. Stout thorns cover the inner side. The top of the cone is white, round and from a foot to a foot and a half in diameter, turned down on larger one.

This larger "plate" contains a clear, viscous liquid, known to possess exceeding medicinal properties, and is present. Just below it extend six green and hairy shoots, about eight feet long and sharp-pointed. About these are two slender, two "plated" six white, plumed-like tendrils rise vertically about six feet. They are in constant motion, shooting and twisting around with peculiar activity, making faint hissing noise, thereby produced strengthen the illusion that these tendrils are the serpents of the tree.

Wilder and wilder grows the dance of the natives around the tree; wilder and wilder sounds the chant. Finally the savages, with their arrows, one on the females, and at the point of their wicked javelins force her to mount to the top of

DIDN'T FILE THE MOTION.
Attorney Taylor Prepared for a New Trial Prematurely.

There is a good joke on Amos R. Taylor, the lawyer, going the rounds at the Court-house:

The eccentric attorney was retained as counsel for H. E. E. Miller, the undertaker, who sued the Contractors' Fire Insurance Co. on a policy for \$1,000. The company made ugly charges against the minister, and he was compelled to appear in Miller's court for three days. It went to a jury Wednesday, and up to noon there was no verdict. At the return of the jury, Mr. Taylor was sitting in the court room in expectation that a verdict would soon be brought in; and so he happened that a joke played on him.

That morning a newspaper man and Clerk White had made a bold bet on the verdict. The paper man bet \$100 that the attorney would not file a motion for a new trial, and Clerk White quietly instructed Deputy Sheriff Becker to go out and return with a report that the jury had agreed on a verdict. Becker carried out his orders and did as requested. When he returned with the report Taylor heard it. Thinking that the paper man had decided against his client he exploded.

"That is the most outrageous verdict ever brought into this court," he exclaimed, and much more to the same effect.

Than he sat down and wrote out a motion for a new trial, claiming that the evidence was against the law and the evidence; that Judge Filtrate had erred in his instructions, and, above all, that the jury was prejudiced against the plaintiff "because he is a preacher."

Having drawn up this document Taylor waited for the jury to come in again, and it did not. After the twelve men filed into the box the state attorney cast upon them a look of aversion and scorn.

"What do you mean by that?" said the man that did it," he said to a reporter sitting near.

The verdict was handed up to Judge Filtrate, who passed it to Clerk White, who read it aloud.

"We, the jury, find for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,000."

"Is that your verdict, gentlemen?" the clerk asked.

"It is," in chorus.



THE AFRICAN TREE
THAT ENTRAPS AND
ITS VICTIMS.

the tree. There she sits terror-stricken, while the "Strangler" Devourer of Men devours the unfortunate victim. At last she scoops up some of the fatal liquid with the hollow of her hand and drinks it, and immediately her feet shooting in convulsions, she falls, writhing wildly among the vicious snaky tendrils.

One of the tendrils coils around her neck—others wind around her arms and legs. The woman gives vent to horrible shrieks, and more and more she faints. While her strength already grows feeble and fainter, the horizontal hairy shoots suddenly rise one by one, like great green snakes, and with a force that is almost irresistible, force around her. It is a vivid interpretation of Laocoön's fate, without the beauty of that hero's death.

The serpent-tree goes no longer. Now, almost incredible, the eight monsters leave their tips from the ground; they rise higher and higher, and the woman, the victim in an iron case of iron; they press closer and closer, until—oh, horror! the serpent-tree's store of life, mingled with the blood of many a human sacrifice, oozes through the interstices.

With a yell of mad delight, the serpent-tree rises, and tears up every scrap of the horrid fluid. The god is appeased. After hideous orgies the participants sink down one by one in convulsions, and die in the long grass, while the writhing black tree continues to hold its victim in tight embrace.

DEALT IN REALTY.

And Now Mr. Stringer Is in Jail About
One Little Deal.

Stephen A. D. Stringer, a real estate man whose office was in room 302 Security Building, is in jail. Charles Dexter of 200 Park Avenue says Stringer secured \$15,000 worth of his property by false pretenses, and he is responsible for placing Stringer behind the bars.

Stringer came to St. Louis last fall and represented that he had considerable real estate in several cities and was willing to speculate by transfer, but did not wish to speculate by transfer, but did not wish to sell it.

He met Mr. Dexter and said he had a farm in Lawrence County, Indiana, and would trade it for some of Mr. Stringer's property. Mr. Stringer agreed that if the farm was made Stringer and his partner, V. K. Morris, were to advance a loan of \$4,000 on the farm, and that the farm would be held by Mr. Dexter. When the deed was submitted for filing it was learned the property was held by Mr. Stringer, but he had given the property to his wife, Mrs. Stringer, and she had property in Indianapolis and Chicago that might fit Mr. Dexter.

Mr. Stringer explained that away and Stringer gave \$1,000 as evidence of good faith and the deeds were to be sent in a few days. The man had not yet made the payment. In the mean time Stringer had sold the property he received from Mr. Dexter, who has filed his first contract of exchange as a lien upon the property which he passed in other hands.

Stringer's brother and Morris, who was assisting in conducting the deals, are out of the State.

TRAFFIC CONTRACT CLOSED.

Agreement Between the Pacific Mail
and Panama Companies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Board of Directors of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company has adopted a resolution authorizing President C. P. Huntington to affix his signature to the contract with the Panama Railroad Company, which has already been signed by President Edward H. Harriman of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. Mr. Huntington did not attend the meeting, but is expected to sign the contract next Monday.

Shot by a Marshal.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 14.—Undertake Fred Miller of this city was shot and instantly killed to-day by Marshal Newton Carter of Westwood, in the western part of the city. Carter was trying to serve a warrant of arrest. He saw Miller was driving a surrey when he shot him.



GEORGE BUNKER

Victories while abroad have earned for him the title of European champion. He has won and defeated all the noted riders on the other side of the Atlantic.

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HELP FOR THE NEEDY.

Charitable People Contribute to the
Relief of the Aged Boyd's.

The destitution of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, an aged couple residing at 90 Chambers street, was described in Friday's issue of the Post-Dispatch. As a result a number of donations have already been received and forwarded to them.

Saturday afternoon a reporter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd with contributions aggregating \$1.50 in cash besides a nice, big, fat turkey and a bundle of good, warm clothes, all of which had been subscribed by Post-Dispatch readers.

When the reporter climbed the two flights of stairs leading to the single room occupied by the aged couple, and was admitted, everything in the room was in order and was exceedingly clean. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were profuse in their thanks for the contributions. They said they were needed badly and their arrival was most opportune, as they were about out of money, provisions and fuel.

"While I am exceedingly gratified for the donations, I am sorry to say that we have made," said Mr. Boyd. "I would much prefer to work and earn my own living. I will be 70 years old next February, but I am still strong and able to work if I could only find employment. Two months ago I was thrown out of work because of slack business, and am a sad and lonely old man at the St. Louis Laundry Company. My wife is 55 years old, but when I can find work we get along well, but we are not able to support a woman much younger. I would like to tell you how much I thank you for all this, but I can't find the words."

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SCHOOLGIRL MATRON.

Explanation of Revelations About Jeffer-
son Barracks Domestic Economy.

The court-martial of Capt. Ewing for making an endorsement disrespectful to the commanding officer, Mrs. Van Cleef, has been received:

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14, 1895.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Kindly apply the enclosed to the fund held in the name of Capt. Ewing and Mrs. Boyd of 90 Chambers street.

HATTIE L. SMITH.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 14, 1895.
To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The sore distress of the aged Boyd couple has not been brought about, as is often the case, by dissipation and indolence. The old man is a sadder, not a dumber, man than when he was 70 years ago. He was then a sober and industrious old man.

He is too bad such poverty, poor should be made, said Mr. Boyd. "I would like to work if I could only find employment. Two months ago I was thrown out of work because of slack business, and am a sad and lonely old man at the St. Louis Laundry Company. My wife is 55 years old, but when I can find work we get along well, but we are not able to support a woman much younger. I would like to tell you how much I thank you for all this, but I can't find the words."

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cheaper cuts no figure. Everything is red tape, about an arm's length, and the surgeon-contingent to contemplate that the washing shall be done by the matrons. A Chinese laundry matron to the regulation. The Government allows two matrons for this post, we have nothing to do with the question to whom we shall give the contract.

The appointments are made by the Post-Surgeon with the approval of the War Department. The appointments were made, however, before took command. You will find that this arrangement is in perfect accord with the regulations. Why cannot see."

The reporter called upon Mrs. Van Cleef, who admitted that her daughter, however, that the washing was let out to other parties, but as far as she was concerned, it was all done by members of the family.

It is done, and done properly it makes no difference when or how it is done.

GEN. CLARK OUT EARLY.

Stumping Illinois for the Republican
Nomination for Governor.

MARION, Ill., Dec. 14.—Gen. George S. Clark of Marion wants to be the Republican candidate for Governor in Illinois in 1896. He is stumping the south end of the State in his own behalf. He spoke to a small crowd of the local Republicans at the Courthouse to-day.

Freight Conductor Fatally Injured.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

MARION, Ill., Dec. 14.—W. A. Brian, freight conductor, was fatally injured while coupling cars at Frost Station, when he was brought to Nease for treatment.

Ask for the genuine JOHANN HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT.

I HAVE used Johann Hoff's Malt Extract, and find it most beneficial as well as agreeable. I would like to know your price per dozen bottles.

Lillian M. Miller

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IN THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

Though things have seemed rather blank since the departure of Damrosch and his train, we are beginning to pull ourselves together again, and during the past few days there have been several very pleasant events.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Tuesday Musical gave its regular tri-weekly recital at America Hall. It was the usual select audience of members and friends. The programme consisted by section 1 of the club was devoted to the Spanish and Italian schools of composition.

The first concert of the Philharmonic Society, under the direction of Mr. Pommier, took place on Tuesday evening at Anchorage Hall, Jefferson and Park avenues. There was a large and appropriate audience in attendance. The performances were received with merited applause. Works by Cowan, Leigh, Chopin, Gottschalk, Mendelssohn, Franck, Dvorak, and Puccini were rendered. The soloists were Miss Lillian Cresswell, Mr. E. V. McIntyre, and Mr. Frank Gookin, Jr. Miss Emma Sigel, Mr. G. W. F. Farnham, and Mr. C. C. G. G. were the closing number, given by the chorus.

Offerings for the coming month are numerous and are unusually attractive. This week St. Louis music lovers will have an opportunity of hearing Humpardnick's "Hansel and Gretel," the famous fairy opera, which has attracted more attention for the number of performances given than any which has appeared since "Cavalleria Rusticana."

On Saturday evening, December 28th, at Music Hall, the Choral Symphony Society will give its Annual performance of the "Messiah." The soloists will be Mrs. Lawson, soprano; Miss Ruth Thayer, contralto, and Mr. Frank Dvorak, and Mr. Clark, tenor and bass, respectively, of Chicago. There will not be the usual chorus, but the men's voices, by which it is desired to secure a better balance, the upper voices having heretofore preponderated to a certain extent in the chorus.

Early in January that sterling organization, the St. Louis Quintette Club, will give the first of its series of chamber music recitals at Memorial Hall.

And then Paderewski is to be with us again—Paderewski, more marvelous, more magnetic than ever it is said. Those will be but two performances, Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18, respectively, and there is little doubt but that his triumphs of three years ago will be more duplicated in Music Hall.

St. Louis music lovers will learn with regret that the chorus of the Church of the Messiah has been disbanded. This well known organization was formed for several years as a factor in the cause of good church music in our city. Its members are mostly young people, and have given many seasons the subscribers were called upon to supply a deficit. They are conservative, but not frequently figure as an attraction. But they exact good voices and good ensemble, and the groups performed have been, and will be, well received.

Marselles. Mr. Arthur Durier has been for three seasons the impresario.

The one hundred and forty-seventh concert of the Apollo Club, Mr. Hale, conductor, was given in Music Hall, Boston, Nov. 26th. The concert was devoted to the performance of Prof. F. Paine's "Service to the Messiah." The orchestra was made up of symphony men. The overture was "Song" and the "Hymn of Praise." Mr. George Riddle was the reader. "Hymn of Praise," 6th Psalm; "Hear My Prayer," 10th Psalm; "Noel," "Buck's" portion; "Hark! The Glad Tidings," "God, Thou Art Great," and many miscellaneous works. "Da Profundis" by "The Waters of Babylon" Gallini; "Mors et Vita" (portions); "Redemption" portions; "Rehoboth" in "Solomon's Temple"; Bach's "O Light Everlasting"; Weber's "Gloria in G" Schubert's "Song of Triumph"; Dvorak's "Gloria in G" Mendelssohn's "Mass in D"; Haydn's "Creation" (portions); "Mendelssohn's "Messiah," (portions); "Saint Paul," "Noel"; "Buck's" portion; "Hark! The Glad Tidings," "God, Thou Art Great," and many miscellaneous works. The Apollo Club, Mr. E. R. Kroeger was the musical director and Mr. Geo. M. Bartlett the conductor. The concert was given for twenty-four members, some of whom had sung during its entire course. Following is a list of the works presented at its Services of "Song," enjoying such a reputation as has been given to the church choir, on the Sunday afternoons at the church doors, on the Sunday afternoons, when stiffness we saw mobility, where we looked for exhaustion, she sang with sustained passion.

The statement in our notice last Sunday of the opening of the Philadelphia opera season by the "Sigurd" of Siegfried's first production in this country on that occasion, appears to be a mistake. In New Orleans the first performance of the "Sigurd" was given seven times, says an exchange, and the "Roi d'Ys" has been presented. The soloists were Miss Emma Sigel, Mr. Frank Gookin, Jr. Miss Emma Sigel, Mr. G. W. F. Farnham, and Mr. C. C. G. G. were the closing number, given by the chorus.

A Defense of the Jews—Some Dainty Verses—Among Famous Shades—Literary Notes.

Apropos of the failure of Ahwartz to make a success of his anti-Semitic crusade in Germany and his present mission to the United States to push the movement here, the Harpers will print this: "Israel Among the Nations," is a translation of a book which the great political writer Ahwartz, of Berlin, has written. The Styx is the club, such eminent spirits as Sir Walter Raleigh, Cæsarius, Demosthenes, Horace, Don Quixote, and others are the house committee, and on Charon is the steward and manager of the organization.

In a clever little play of the imagination he calls "A Houseboat on the Styx," John Kendrick Bangs recounts the doings and sayings on sundry occasions of the immortal shades who comprise the members of a club for mutual intercourse and social benefit. The houseboat, the Nancy Nox, and the crew, the shades, are the members of the club, such eminent spirits as Sir Walter Raleigh, Cæsarius, Demosthenes, Horace, Don Quixote, and others are the house committee, and on Charon is the steward and manager of the organization.

The story hinges on the step-mother question, but it is quite fresh and original, and is a very creditable addition to the author of "Sister's Play" in which Nero, Dr. Johnson, Emerson, and the bard himself join. Soon after the birth of Baron Munchausen on his birthday, at which Baron Munchausen takes a new but characteristic "whopper." That is the reason he is a great and noble blow to all the world, but the world is not slow to appreciate it.

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THE SUNDAY

PART FOUR

POST-DISPATCH

PAGES 29-40.

A DAY WITH HARRIGAN AT THE FOUR COURTS.

How the Chief of Police of a Big City
Transacts Business.

His Work Is the Unceasing Supervision, De-
tection and Checking of Criminals.

It Demands System, Readiness for Emergencies, Ex-
perience and Crafty Wisdom—The Story of
Twelve Hours.

A Sunday Post-Dispatch reporter spent
a day with Maj. Lawrence Harrigan, St.
Louis' Chief of Police, one day last week.
It was not an especially busy day; just
a quiet, uneventful day, excepting some
of a day, and it will serve excellently as
a sample of the official life of a Chief of
Police when no great event such as a strike
or riot disturbs the daily routine, and causes
a concentration of police energies in any
one direction.

Finally at 9 a. m. the Chief entered his
office, after a cheerful good morning to
the attaches of the outer offices as he
passed through them.

First of all, as soon as he opens his desk
and before touching the mail awaiting his
perusal, Chief Harrigan reads the report of
Admiral Niles' Kid Kidder. This con-
tains a report of everything of importance
which had occurred during the night, with
a summary of each item. While this is not
complete enough to make a full understand-
ing of the case would be too lengthy, the
detailed report is referred to for full partic-
ulars.

If the heinous crime has been committed
and the perpetrator has not been caught,
everything else must wait until the Chief
satisfies himself that the proper machinery
has been set in motion to catch the thief.

and was equal in numbers to the Chicago
police force, and the two departments co-
operated in the apprehension of the fugitive. He
wished to prove these things officially to
the Chief. Another wanted his wife's son
to be admitted.

He had written for money and his step-
father was willing to help him if worthy
but not otherwise. A father, one Mr. Odell
of Columbia, O., wrote to have his son
sent home. The boy was en route to
fight Indians in the wild West. All these
letters, important or otherwise, are promptly
read by the chief, and if they are prompt-
ly improper or altogether out of the
realm of police authority, Private Secre-
tary Fred O' Malley reads and the let-
ters are read to him, and the instructions indorsed on them, to be turned over
to whatever department they belong.

Chief Harrigan, after checking

which may develop. In the meantime some
dry callers have been coding their heels
in the anteroom, and an audience
is being now at leisure, they are
admitted one at a time.

The first proved to be Charles Dodds of
North Twelfth street, whose wife Alice
had, he thought, run away with Lu-
ther Duncan, a negro, taking with her \$70
of her husband's savings. The Dodds
wanted to know if the Chief

had been waiting for him. It was a case
of a mother who should have been in her
prime. The son had ended a vicious life
in the West. But his mother still
loved him, and still plied him with
memories. She knew there was one in
the "Hoover Galleries." Would the chief
give her address? The department had
no particular use for the pictures, he
said, and the department.

The Chief touched a button on his desk
and Capt. Desmond appeared. The picture
was brought in, and the woman was
giving it to the poor mother. Maj. Harrigan
showed his thoughtfulness and delicacy by
carefully easing from the back of the photo-

graph the description and record which
had been left by his former resting
on it.

and then came in the father of a wayward
son, who had been brought home to his
shame on Clark Avenue. A touch
of the button and Capt. O'Malley appeared.
The officer was dispatched for the girl,
and the father read the letter which
the police had may develop. There
was a toucher in the case, who, perhaps, more
than a vicious disposition, was responsible
for the girl's conduct. The lad had
stood on the threshold of sin and had
desire to go further. Still she did not
return to her home. She was willing to
go to the Kingdom of the Good Shepherd, and
then she was escorted.

Then came a telephone message from the
Chief of Detectives, who had been
shot probably fatally by two negroes
Vandever and West Bell.

Chief sent out detectives from headquarters
and with the aid of the State Detectives, which
the crime occurred, although word was re-
ceived from the fifth, to send men from
An hour later Detective Ad-
ward, who had been with the negro
thief, telephoned that a negro named Snow
had done the cutting. Almost immediately
afterward he was arrested from the
Fifth District that a negro named John
Thomas, alias Snow, had been arrested
for the crime.

For sometime two big policemen had
entered with a very small negro boy. He
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THE WEEK

IN SOCIETY



December has been unusually brilliant so far as fashionable functions go. There were a great many beautiful entertainments last week. Mrs. Charles Blane Smith gave a large reception on Thursday afternoon at her home on Lindell boulevard, which drew together representatives from all of the best society in St. Louis. Belonging to the old French circle herself, the occasion proved a delightful reunion for the old aristocracy and their descendants. Her handsome home was decked with palms and tropical plants, and in the dining room pink roses with satin ribbons and shades carried out the color scheme. The hostess, gowned in black satin with point lace and diamonds, was dressed by Mrs. Charles Blane Smith, who wore a charming evening gown of black satin and chiffon, decollete, with large puffed sleeves and ruffles.

Miss Galtney, who was the young debutante who was introduced, wore white mouseline de sole, with blue satin ribbons.

She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blane Smith, who was a famous beauty in her girlhood and widowhood. Misses Minnie Smith and Louise Miller served the punch.

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On Thursday afternoon in compliment to Miss Meuse of New Orleans.

Misses Ethel and Louise Miller, a delightful little tea on Wednesday evening for young people, quite informal.

Miss Charles Gause gave a tea on Friday afternoon in compliment to her daughter, Miss Mabel Miller.

Another delightful function, Friday was the second, was given by Mrs. Wm. McLean in compliment to her piece, Mrs. Wm. McLean.

The beautiful young bride looked like a picture in her reception robe of white mousseine de sole with a row of curling ostrich tips about the neck and shoulders of the low corsage.

A bachelors dinner was given at the St. Nicholas Hotel on Thursday afternoon in compliment to Herr Von Gontard and his brother.

The musical club which meets at the Vassar Hall, on Washington avenue, is making a study of the music of the great masters of the educational club, yet organized.

Mrs. J. D. Morrissey and Mrs. B. B. Maffitt were among the organizers of the club last year. This season the membership has been enlarged.

The third meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 26, a more than usually attractive programme will be given.

A brilliant musicale matinee was given on Saturday by Mrs. Kate G. Broadbent and her pupils at the Conservatory. There was a brilliant audience in attendance and a brilliant programme was given.

The Q. T. Whist Club met on Thursday at the residence of Miss Nellie Steinberg, the brilliant young widow of Pauline Ross and Miss Florence Isaacs, Dr. Goodman and Mr. Louis Herzog winning the gentlemens' prize.

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ON DANGEROUS GROUND.

THE “GIRL” OF 1925.

The Sort of Thing We May Expect if the Present Dilemma Increases.

“Folks are horridous torment. Time, morning. Enter servant-hunting matron messily.

Biddy (to applicant): “Do you want to hoire yourself out to me as my mistress, eh?”

Applicant (most deferentially): “Yes, if you please.”

Biddy: “Will O’f’m not any too anxious to take y’ out of this about it. Didn’t you bring him off?”

Applicant (agitated): “Oh, no, there are several from domestics who did me the same, trying to get me as their mistress, and the reasons why they left, showing that it was no fault of mine.”

Biddy: “I am thinking of you. Ah, yes, here’s we come. Mary Toodle, who married the alderman. Another from Maggy McSweeney, who ran off wid the French count but come to her senses and come back. Well, well, what’s yer prior?”

Applicant: “I pay \$100 a week for the privilege of being your mistress.”

Biddy: “What do you want us to shatave to death? Divvill a bit will stir for any such wages. Good day, ma’am. No more palaver about it.”

Applicant: “It’ll make it twenty-five better.”

Biddy: “Now, you’re just beginnin’ to make your entrance in the domestic boudoir, and a family entrance to your wine cellar?”

Applicant: “Oh, certainly. You won’t be able to find any fault in that matter.”

Biddy: “How many days out do you agree to?”

Applicant: “Four days and eight nights out in the week.”

Biddy: “That’s merely facant. Who does your cooking, washin’, ironin’, door-takin’, and other incidental?”

Applicant: “Oh, we hire that done by specialists, of course.”

Biddy: “I’m right. Of loikes to see full respectable Children.”

Applicant (shocked): “Oh, dear, no. We’re too up-to-date for that.”

Biddy: “It’s impossible. Will O’f’m come.”

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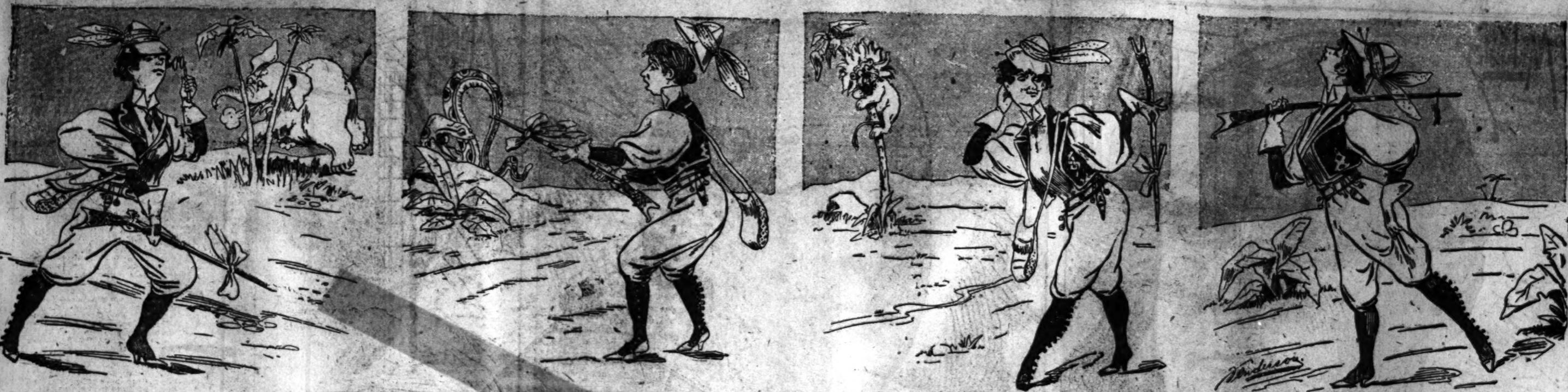
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THE GAME THE "NEW WOMAN" WAS AFTER.



MOTHERLY INTUITION.
(From Jules Chéret)



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Mrs. Gashus (to Mrs. Siambang whose daughter has been recently married).—How are you?—I am well, thank you. I am a widow now, and my husband is in New York.
Mrs. Siambang.—Wretchedly, I fear; poorly, I am certain. She writes that she is perfectly happy—but it is just like my poor darling to try and shield the wretchedness of his wife. But, no! she cannot deceive her own mother—no, nor far from it. I leave for New York to-morrow, to see things righted, or know the reason why.

BETTER THAN A CURE.

He Had Confidence in His Device for Rescuing the Children.

From the Detroit Free Press.

Down near Goldsboro, N. C., I turned in from the dusty "hollow" and asked a native sitting in front of his cabin if I could get a drink of water. He said I could, and I walked with him to a hole in the ground a few yards away. He didn't have to go down over fifteen feet, and then he was waist-deep in water, and he was in the hole. It was neither stoned up, nor was there a curb around it, and as there were several children around and the water was up to their waists, I said:

"I should think you would have a curb around this well."

"What fur?" he asked.

"Did you the children run a risk of falling in?"

"I reckon."

"And wouldn't a curb lessen the chances?"

"It might, but 'twould take a heap of lumber and time. I've got a cheep way. Look at that."

He pointed to a pole stuck on end in the water, and while I was trying to make out what it was for, he said:

"That's fur them to climb on when they tumble in, and it's a curb all hollow."

DURING A BUZZARD'S BAY STROLL.

Wister: "Is it true that Cholly's father cut him off without a shilling when he heard of his 'treachery'?"

Blister: "Yes, but he repented when he heard that the girl was."

Wister: "An heiress."

Blister: "No, his typewriter."

A WISE MINISTER.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

The potente was plainly agitated. "My country," said he in angry tones to his Minister of War, "inform me that all is in readiness to avenge our countrymen. I find you delaying the advance. If I thought there were any treachery."

"Have patience, oh, another of the Sun and Moon," replied the Minister, "in the tone of one who was sure of his ground. "We are but waiting for them to get to us, and we'll seize them when we will rush in and seize, and by the sale of them pay the whole expense of the war."

"Verily," said the admiring monarch, "thou hast a head like a rock."

OPEN TO SUSPICION.

From the Detroit Tribune.

The last notes of the piano were lost in thunders of applause.

"Never before," muttered the critic, "said I, 'I do not reward it as true art. You can't make me believe that hair is his own."

THAT'S WHY.

(From Jules Chéret)



A DESPERATE REVENGE.

The Statesman Was Too Much for the Burglar.

From the Chicago Tribune.

It was an inclement night but the gloomy looking man who stood in the doorway of the little town hall and looked out at the pelting rain did not blame it entirely on the weather.

The gloomy-looking man was Webster Shukus, leading citizen and prominent debater of Blainbridge Township. He had come to Blainbridge, pursuant to announcement, to deliver an address on "The Crime of '73," and only three persons had turned out, one of them being the janitor of the building.

The other two had heard the orator once or twice already.

He decided to postpone the meeting.

The lights were put out and Mr. Shukus, buttoning his overcoat about him, turned up his collar, and pulling his hat brim down all around, went forth into the storm.

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BY AND BY.

His beautiful silken mustache hung dejectedly from his face, and his eyes were red from weeping.

"You wrong me, Clarence, my love, I

hastfully she changed her silver cigarette box from one pocket to another.

"I am not a woman with a past, and—"

She drew a small package from her inside coat pocket.

"A woman with a present."

Hastily slipping a marquise ring on his fingers, he overcame his fears and tears dissolved into a smile as he gazed upon the ring and the woman who had asked him to be her husband.

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THE SINGLE TAX.

In the discussion of any question which bears the impress of reform, it is frequently necessary to refer to local subjects in such a manner as to directly impinges upon personal interests in everyday transactions. This cannot be avoided if the discussion is to take a wide range and the evils which are fostered by the system attacked are properly dissected and laid bare. In this column the writer is authorized by a properly constituted organization, viz., the St. Louis Single Tax Society, to speak and act in all its bearings on the social fabric, and to advocate a method that will nullify the evils thereof and open wider opportunities for the welfare of the communities inherent in the earth, and thus, in a practical and simple manner, make possible for these to follow to the dominant in the getting of wealth, and at the same time, and by the same method, eliminate speculative money from the system—the root of "capital slavery" and its twin evil, social decay, through which now all the evils humanity is heir to. The word "land" as here used is synonymous with land-ownership as such, and leaves out of consideration all other forms of wealth, as a factor, therefore the single tax is, properly speaking, an attack on private property in land, and if attack would, or could, affect the people, through their properly constituted agents—the "government"—the trustee of all for the administration of the same, this might be to some of those dear people who have been (so far) fortunate enough in life's journey to have a "God's acre" and, therefore, call it their own, the single tax does not contemplate the annulment of land titles not in the name of individuals, but those who occupy land beneficially to the community. It will, however, make more land-ownership and more land-owners, and therefore, the source of wealth, and therefore, the source of labor's opportunity to procure subsistence, a minor factor in wealth getting immediately on its adoption, but, in time, and eventually, when fully applied will render it entirely factorless in this respect. That is, unless a piece of some kind of industry employing labor will then not exert any force as a weapon by which those who profit from the tax will be compelled to pay and deliver before they can go upon it and put it to use. The single tax will extract this poison from wealth, and, in the end, the natural and industrial flowered of our civilization, with neatness and dispatch, leaving us strong and alert in the field of moral regeneration.

When local instances of the evil we attack are referred to, there is no inclination to criticize individuals engaged in "holding up" the single tax, but to call to the poor and labor, who they may, honestly earn a living, but, in the end, get nothing but the object lesson that will forcibly bring home to those who are inclined to exercise their God-given brain power, the manifold and manifold ways in which the rich and powerful, which a few are made the rulers and masters over the many, through a hoary and vicious land-holding scheme. It's a condition of the world, not that there is not. The theory of rectification, however, is abroad in the world, and it devolves upon those who are inclined to "rectify" the earned gain is just and righteous to meet it in a spirit of logical enquiry, or they may sooner or later come to realize that the condition of the world, generally, against which their efforts to stay will prove as futile as were those of the mythical Mother Proserpine, who is recorded as having been forced to stay back the ocean with her broom. L. P. C.

Land Value a Gauge for Private Taxation.

From the Journal of K. L. Land value represents merely a taxing privilege—it is the capitalized value of ground rent which is the direct deduction from natural value. Land can be "free" until it decides that nothing but its own products shall have an exchangeable value. The products of labor are the only honest "value" and tax, there in any form whether in houses, ships, food, clothing, cattle or any form of merchandise is a tax on the value of the land, and as it adds to the exchangeable value of such things and makes them harder to obtain. Land value is not a "thing," it does not exist as a thing, but is a tax on the capitalist. It is not a tangible reality, it is merely an unjust privilege which absorbs the savings of the workers, the dreams of the middle class, and starvation is their commonest demand.

But as the touch of Ithuriel's spear is said to have forced him to drop his all-craftful disguise and show himself in all his natural ugliness, so the touch of the "land tax" forces those men of land to unmask, a spreading ulcer which eats away the substance of the workers, an iniquity which nothing but their patience and ignorance suffers to exist. Americans know that so long as there was opportunity in the great West there was food, work and wages for all; but when settlement reached the Pacific and the whole country was developed, and the law of "land rent" began to be felt, and that "law" renders it inevitable that the whole difference in value between the "rich" and "poor" was lost, and in the mean time, as the landlord is concerned, landlordism unites the whole country, and the pittance which sterile tract and causes the pittance which the barren wilderness will yield, to become the gauge and standard of the income and reward. F. Alsop, Auckland, New Zealand.

What a Financial Crisis Does.

B. C. Flower in Acrea. Seasons of speculation which lure the laboring classes into purchasing lands, succeeded by periods of crisis which compel them to relinquish it, but add to the gains of the speculator, and the losses of each crisis richer than before. There is no loss, as a whole; the losses of the landowner are more than the gains of the mere transfer of wealth which has taken place. The landlord is exempted from labor by the privilege which the ownership of land gives him, and has a touch of lice, which itch and burn quite badly.

Sulphate of soda has been used with good effect. Take five grains every three hours. The itching may be relieved by applying a lotion composed of one part of water of ammonia, one part of spirits of camphor and two parts of alcohol.

Please print directions for making cold cream for chapped hands.

Melt one ounce of white wax and four ounces of almond oil together, and add three ounces of rose water, stirring constantly until cold.

Is there any way that water which contains typhoid germs or other poisonous matter causing disease can be ascertained without chemical analysis?

The presence of typhoid or other disease germs can only be ascertained by means of a microscopic examination.

I have a friend who has been troubled with bladder trouble for the last four years.

For the last year he has been unable to urinate, and has pronounced a stone in the bladder. Can anything be done to effect a cure short of an operation?

An operation is necessary to effect a cure.

Will you kindly print a good remedy for trouble of the eyes? My daughter, who is very fond of the outdoors, has granulated eyes, and it bothers her more or less.

Has her wear dark protection glasses and bathe her eyes several times a day with a solution composed of ten grains of borax and two ounces of camphor water. If that does not relieve her you should consult an oculist.

Please print a remedy for rheumatism. Salol is a very good remedy. Take ten grains every three hours.

Will you please state what is the dose of salol, and when to take it, and the way in which it is best to take them?

(1) One or two pills. (2) After meals.

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